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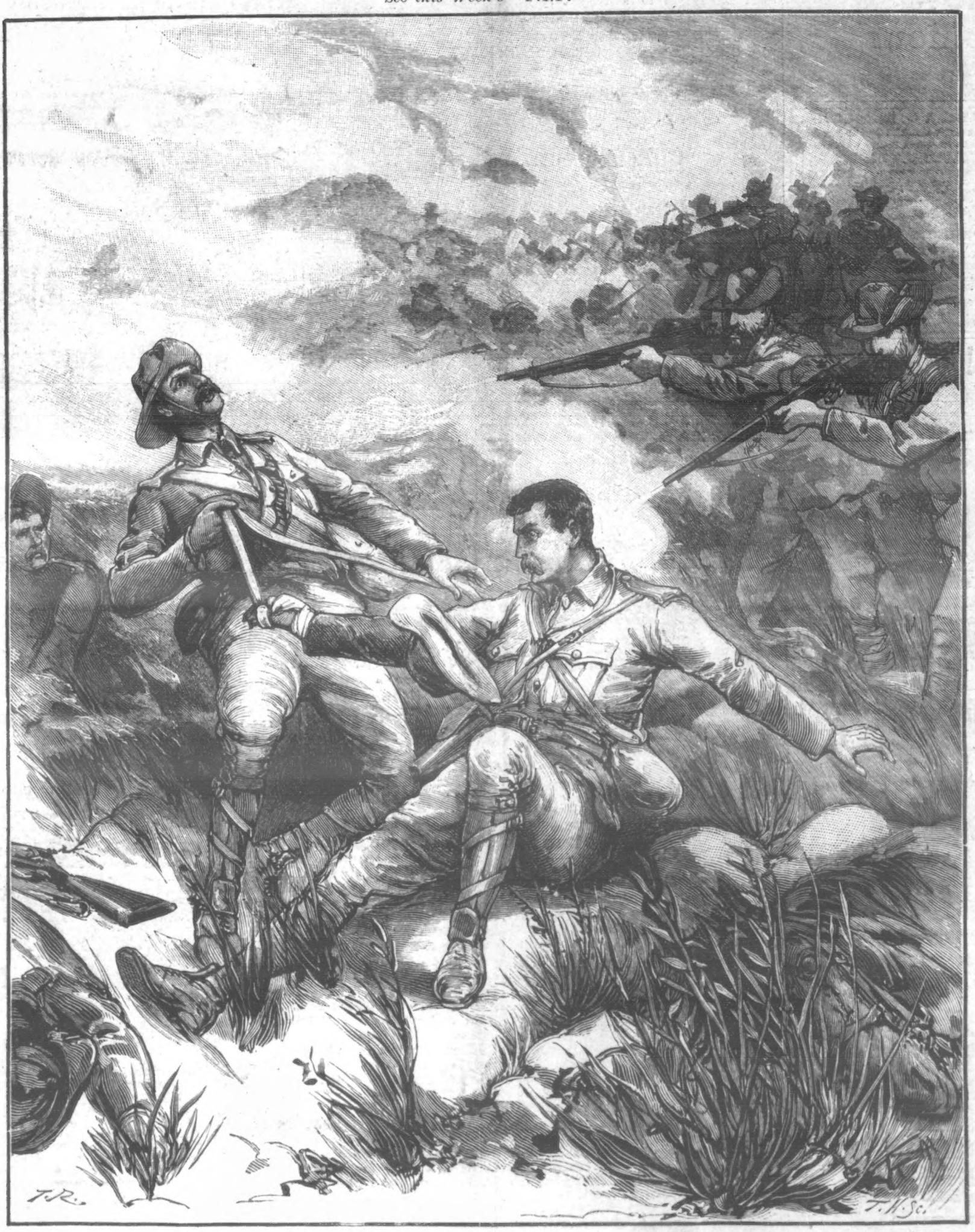

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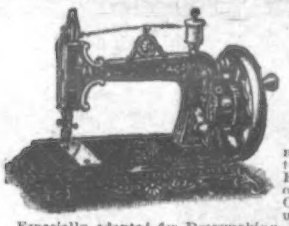

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Talk of London.

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H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AS MASONIC GRAND MASTER.

THE Installation of the Duke of Connaught as M.W. Grand Master of English Freemasons on Wednesday in succession to his illustrious brother, His Majesty the King, could not fail to be a brilliant spectacle. Several thousand Masons trooped from all parts of the Kingdom to the Albert Hall, and tier upon tier of the benevolent brethren, radiant in their purple and blue and red "clothing" and gemmed Orders and Medals—each an emblem of open-handed charity—testified to the widespread popularity of the ancient and honourable craft of Freemasonry. There can be no doubt that the numbers of British Lodges and members have materially increased since His Majesty, as Prince of Wales, was installed Grand Master over twenty-six years ago in the same Throne and under the same roof by the late Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon. And what does this mean? Why, that an unprecedentedly large sum has been cheerfully subscribed for charitable purposes through Masonic channels—a total reckoned as over

One Million and Three-Quarters Sterling

to maintain the three splendid Institutions in which the sons and daughters of unfortunate Masons are carefully educated and liberally boarded, and old folks who have fallen by the way find a comfortable home and happy resting-place. It is satisfactory to know that this Princely philanthropy continues in this first year of the New Century, and that in the past six months Masons have contributed upwards of £75,000 to their noble benevolent institutions. In succeeding, then, King Edward VII. as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the most charitable and most genial and sociable brotherhood in the world, an association whose history stretches centuries back to the days of Solomon, General His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught assumes the headship of a body of loyal men whose personal example and

Practical Christianity

(for that is what Freemasonry really amounts to, though it embraces every sect) cannot fail to be important factors in enhancing the true happiness of the nation. It is earnestly to be hoped, for this reason, that Masonry will flourish still more. There are ugly social breakers ahead, and those aware of the beneficent action of Freemasonry must see in this fraternity a potent means to reconcile classes and ameliorate the condition of things. That His Majesty from the knowledge he has gained reposes the greatest confidence in the oldest charitable organisation in the universe is sufficiently proved by the fact that the King has done Masons the honour to become their titular chief Patron. The true spirit of Masonry certainly animates the present and past M. W. Grand Master, and

Earl Amherst,

the worthy Pro Grand Master, upon whom devolved the duty of installing His Royal Highness in the Albert Hall in conjunction with other high officers of Grand Lodge, including the benignant and popular Grand Secretary, Bro. Edward Letchworth, and Bro. Frank Richardson, so experienced as Master of the Ceremonies. Earl Amherst is a nobleman who has served his country well in many ways. He is the descendant of a very old and estimable Kentish family, the first Baron of which was Field-Marshal Sir Jeffery Amherst, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in North America from 1758 to 1764, and subsequently Commander-in-Chief at home. The first Earl Amherst was the Field-Marshal's nephew, William Pitt Amherst, who was Ambassador to China and Governor-General of India, and the Earldom was bestowed upon him in 1826. The present Earl Amherst, born in 1836, was in early life a Captain in the Coldstream Guards, and fought in the Crimean War, being wounded at the Battle of Inkerman. M.P. for West Kent from '59 to '68, and for Mid-Kent from 1868 to 1880, he was well qualified to discharge the highest Parliamentary duties when he entered the House of Lords, first as Baron Amherst in '80, succeeding to the Earldom on the death of his father, the second Earl, in 1886.

He is deservedly held in greatest respect, and honourably sustains the best traditions of Freemasonry, the inner heart of which beats true to the noblest instincts of humanity. As Lord Halsbury truly said, many national difficulties which perplex statesmen would be removed if only the spirit of Masonry animated the whole Realm. So mote it be!

A Gift from "Bobs"

is assuredly the most precious present an Army schoolboy could receive. Imagine, then, the joy of young Lee when, at the annual inspection of the Duke of York's School, Chelsea, Field-Marshal Earl Roberts, the well-loved Commander-in-Chief, fastened on his wrist a bracelet-watch, his own special gift to the lad whose good conduct had won a prize. The yearly inspection and sports of the Duke of York's School invariably attract some of our foremost Generals, who never fail to express admiration of the boys' skill and alertness in drill, diligence in their studies, and excellent behaviour. These bright young soldiers, sure to be a credit to their King and country, have a most devoted Commandant and most zealous teacher. Good luck to the lads!

The Boers' Barbarity

to British wounded at Vlakfontein has been placed beyond question, and has, no doubt, strengthened Lord Kitchener in the resolve to take more effective measures to end the War swiftly. Truth is, "it is cruel to be kind" to the misguided followers of Kruger and Steyn. The deplorable tale of killed and wounded on both sides is likely to end all the sooner by the adoption of the energetic tactics now being carried out. That the Boers still in the field under Botha, De Wet, and Delarey need the sharpest of lessons has been shown again and again, most recently by the letter which Mr. J. Brown, 27th Company Imperial Yeomanry, wrote under date of June 6 to Mr. W. Edyvean, of St. Austell—

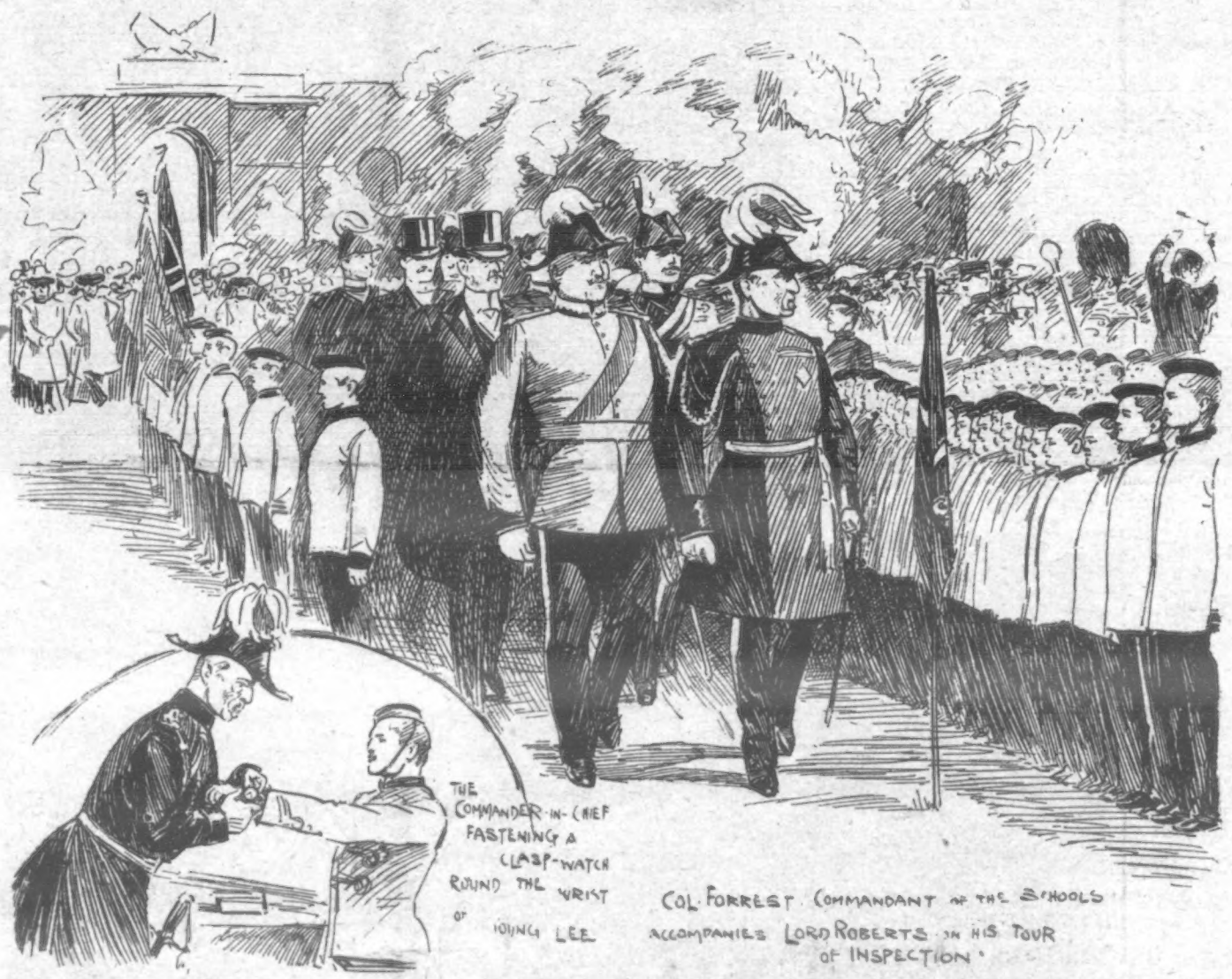
"I saw poor old Sergeant Finlay, who joined with me at Exeter, shot while he was tying up Lieutenant Spring's hand. They shot the Lieutenant first through the head and then poor old Finlay through the neck, both in cold blood, and I could not help them.

"But after they had gone away I got Finlay's carbine and popped one off, so I had my revenge. We lost altogether eight officers and sixty-four men killed, and over a hundred wounded, so that you can fancy what sort of a place I was in. I saw them walking about among the wounded shooting them, and if we had not advanced when we did there would not have been so many wounded to pick up.

"Of course you will be able to read a better account in the papers and have a correct list of the wounded."

The Trial of Earl Russell by the House of Lords

has been the judicial sensation of the week; and, viewing the great public inconvenience occasioned by this revival of an old and cumbrous custom worthier of feudal days than of the Twentieth Century, it is to be hoped the Government, essentially a Ministry of Common-sense, will introduce a Bill to abrogate this old-fashioned rule, the observance of which has upset business at the Strand Courts of Justice, and occasioned so much unnecessary expense and inconvenience—to say nothing of the danger to health of sitting for some time in a badly ventilated room generally used as a mere corridor. The Royal Gallery is notable chiefly for Maclise's wall-paintings of the deck of the *Victory* at the Battle of Trafalgar and the Meeting of



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Wellington and Blücher at Waterloo. Presided over by the Earl of Halsbury, the gathering of Peers, including the Law Lords and Sir Francis Jeune, tried Earl Russell (grandson of the great little Lord John Russell, the first Earl) for alleged bigamy, in accordance with the true Bill returned against him by the Grand Jury of the Old Bailey. With his Lordship's melancholy domestic affairs the public is familiar. A Peer of undoubted ability, though poor in purse, he added to his income after leaving college by following the useful vocation of electrical engineering. When quite young he married an exceedingly pretty girl, Miss Mabel Edith Scott, with whom he lived far from happily, as was disclosed at the law suits that preceded and followed their separation. The Countess took to the Music Hall stage, singing at the Tivoli in the style sketched by a *P.I.P.* Artist; and Earl Russell proceeded to Nebraska, and there married Mrs. Mollie Somerville (née Cook), a lady with whom he is delineated by the same pencil. The Earl's trial for bigamy is the Talk of the Town among all classes.

"Le Roi d'Ys,"

the only novelty this year at Covent Garden Royal Opera, was produced at the Paris Opéra Comique in the autumn of 1888. The libretto is founded on an old Breton legend, the following being the main outlines: The gentle and amiable Rosenn and the passionate Margared are the daughters of the Roi d'Ys, and both love the warrior chieftain Mylio. Margared, believing that Mylio has been killed in a recent war between her father and King Karnac, a rival monarch, has promised to marry Karnac, when she learns through her sister that Mylio has returned perfectly well. In consequence of this intelligence she refuses to marry Karnac, who thereupon continues the war, only to be defeated by Mylio. The victorious warrior then proposes to marry the gentle Rosenn; but Margared, inflamed with jealousy, hands the keys of the dams which keep back the inroads of the sea to Karnac, who makes use of the treacherous gift to flood the dominions of the Roi d'Ys. Meanwhile, the statue of the patron Saint Corentin comes to life, and reproaches the wild Margared for her base conduct. The repentant girl throws herself into the sea and the flood instantly abates, the saint promising his protection to the people. This simple and naïve libretto, so unlike the modern plots of operas, was set to

Striking and Original Music by M. Lalo,

which for the last thirteen years has enjoyed much popularity in France. The opera affords excellent opportunities for fine acting and singing, and the recent novel mechanism of the Covent Garden stage enables the management to present some remarkable scenic illusions. Madame Suzanne Adams and the new tenor, M. Jérome, represented the principal characters with excellent effect, and gave great pleasure at the final rehearsal on Tuesday. M. Lalo, the composer, wrote another opera, "Fiesco," which obtained the Conservatoire prize in 1867. He also composed the "Symphonie Espagnole" for the violin, first introduced here by Senor Sarasate.

Sir Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry

crown a particularly trying season of hard work this (Saturday) evening, reappearing together in "Coriolanus," at the Lyceum. Both have thoroughly earned the most restful of holidays.

A Theatre in Belgravia

is the latest project of Mr. Saunders, who is about to erect in the very heart of this aristocratic locality a splendid house. The founder of the popular Coronet and Camden Town Theatres evidently moves with the times.

THE PROMPTER.

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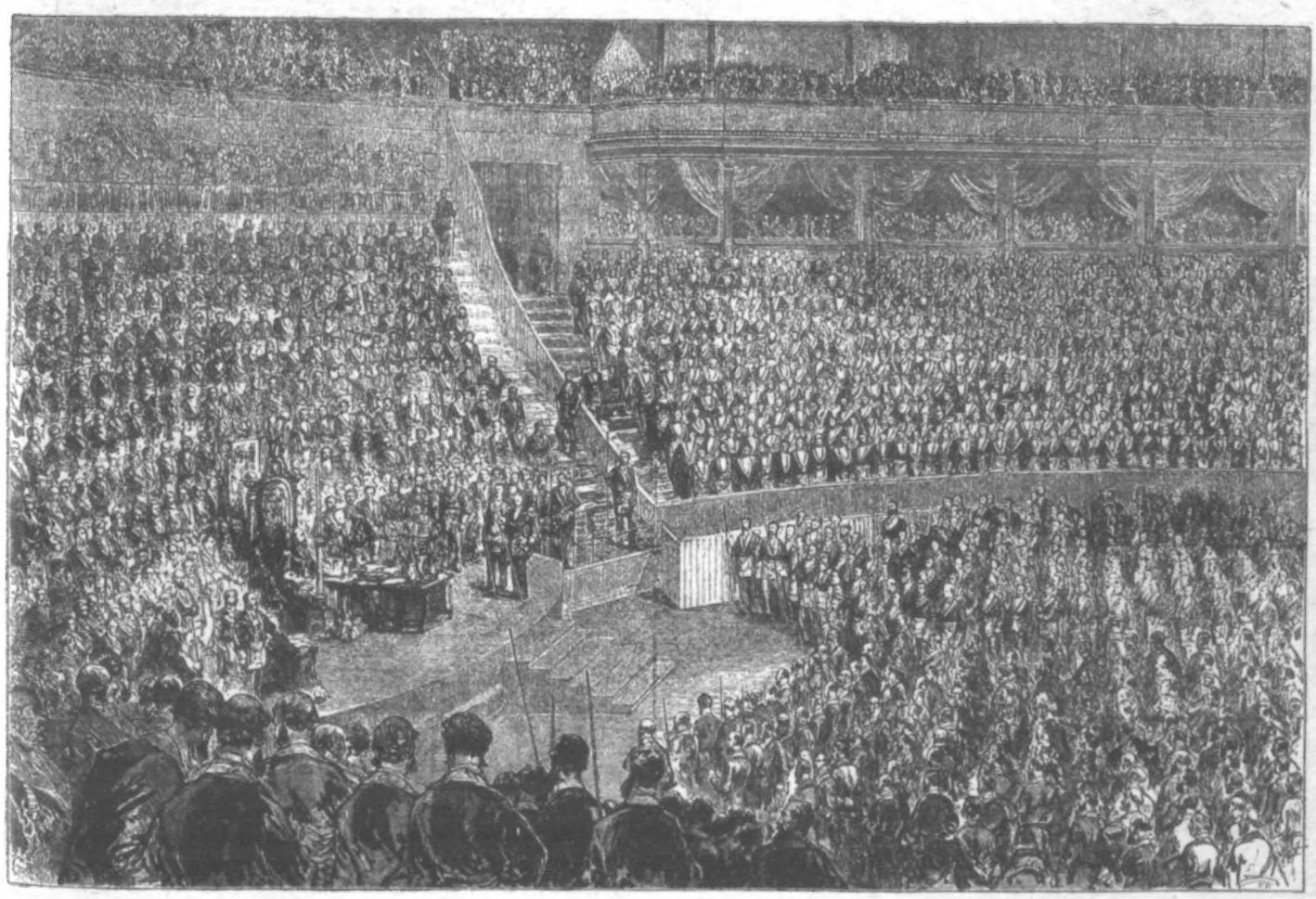

INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AS MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF ENGLISH MASONS, AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL, ON APRIL 28, 1875: THE CEREMONY THAT WAS REPEATED AT THE INSTALLATION OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT ON WEDNESDAY.

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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

THE KING terminated his visit to the Grand Duke Michael and Countess Torby at Keele Hall, Staffordshire, on Monday. His Majesty was driven from Keele to Whitmore by his host, receiving enthusiastic greetings from crowds en route. Shortly after six o'clock His Majesty arrived at Marlborough House, where he was welcomed by a crowd of spectators.

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL

The Grand Duke Michael usually spends the greater part of the summer in this country, dividing the rest of the year between Germany and the Riviera. His marriage with the Countess Torby offended the late Czar. The Czar was strongly opposed to the match, and refused to listen to anything that was said in its favour. The Grand Duke was equally determined, and accordingly the ceremony was performed at Venice on Feb. 26, 1891. Forthwith the man who dared to disobey the Emperor of All the Russias was deprived of his military rank, his appanage was reduced by two-thirds, and he was banished from Russian soil. Queen Victoria is said to have pleaded with the Czar to show his cousin clemency, but the Emperor was inflexible. The Grand Duke is believed to feel his lengthened ostracism very keenly. When a second daughter was born to him, he christened her "Hope"—a truly suggestive name. The Countess Torby, for love of whom the Grand Duke Michael made so great a sacrifice, is the elder of the two daughters of Prince Nicholas of Nassau, and is extremely popular.

Prince George of Greece.—Crete seems to retain Prince George as its High Commissioner for he has recently informed the four Powers protecting the island that he accepts the offer to stay another three years, but reserves to himself the privilege of making certain conditions. Representatives of Great Britain, France, Russia, and Italy are shortly to consider the situation in Crete. According to the Rome correspondent of the *Daily News*, it appears that the assertion that Crete desired, not union with Greece, but autonomy, was interestedly started by the French and Russian Consuls in the island. Prince George was so displeased with this manœuvre that he has communicated direct to the Powers his decision to remain. The situation seems so strained that it may bring about changes at the Consulates. Prince George is the second son of King George of Greece, and was born on June 24, 1869. Crete (or Candia) possesses considerable historic interest from the fact that the island formed part of the early and later Roman Empire.

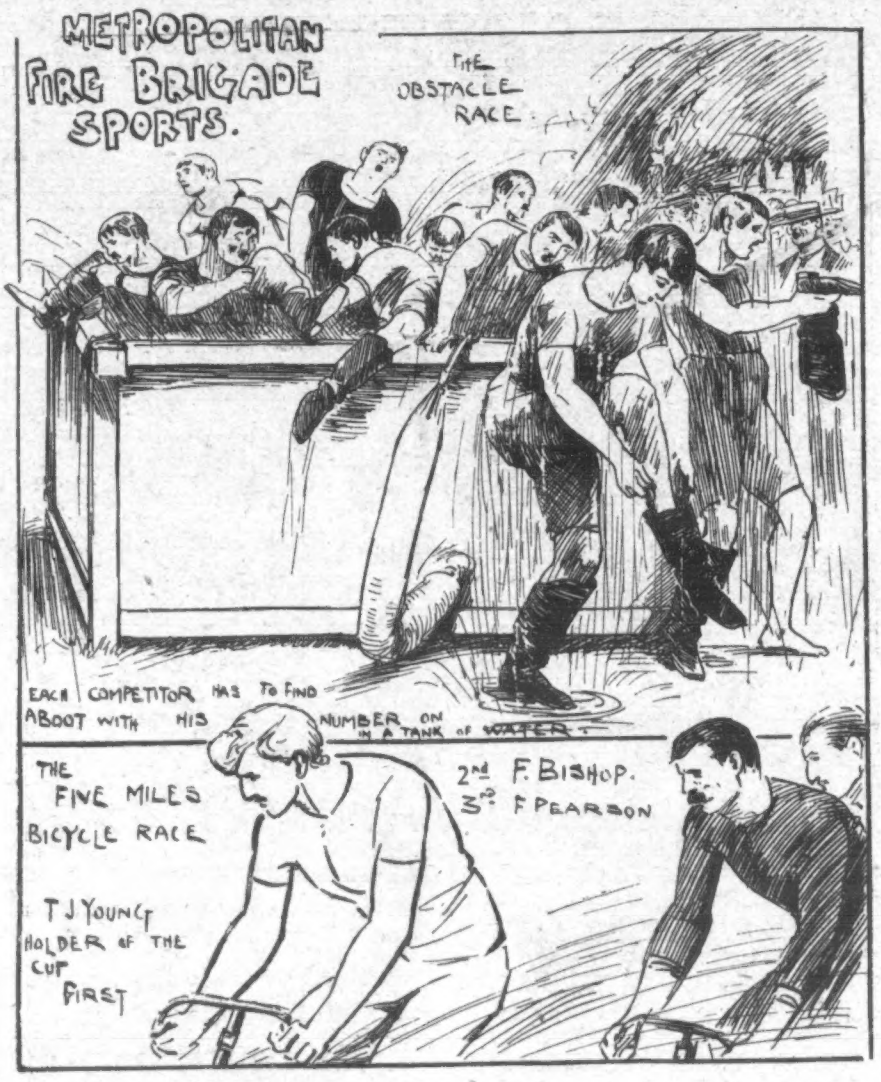
PRINCE GEORGE of GREECE

The Royal Tour.—One by one the great centres in our Australian Colonies are being touched by the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. After a most pleasant visit to Adelaide Their Royal Highnesses brought their stay to an end on Monday, and embarked on board the *Ophir* for Fremantle amid a salvo of cheers from the population. South Africa will be visited next.

Blessing the "Discovery."—The Bishop of London paid a visit on Monday to the East India Docks for the purpose of conducting a short service and addressing the officers and crew of the Antarctic exploring vessel *Discovery*, which will start on its journey at the end of the present month. The service was held on the main-deck, and comprised a recital of the usual prayers for those at sea and the singing of the hymns commencing, "Fight the good fight," "O God, our help in ages past," and "Thine for ever, God of Love." It is understood that the King has decided to visit the ship, but His Majesty's pleasure has not yet been announced.

Aerial Navigation.—M. Deutsch having offered a prize of £4000 for the navigation of a balloon from a given spot in Paris, round the Eiffel Tower, and back to the starting-point, M. Santos-Dumont last Saturday essayed to win it. So far as concerns the practical steering of the balloon from the starting-point to its goal and back, his success was complete. But the conditions of the prize prescribed that the journey should be accomplished within half an hour, and that the balloon should descend at its starting-point. In these two minor particulars M. Santos-Dumont failed, thus losing his prize, though strictly on a technicality, since the non-success is admittedly attributable to no inherent failure in the apparatus, but partly to the weather, and partly to defective gearing.

The Ascent was made from the Aëro-Club balloon park at St. Cloud at 6.41 a.m., in a gusty wind, in the presence of 200 people. The weather was too misty for the balloon to be kept clearly in view throughout its course, but the timekeeper at the Eiffel Tower telegraphed its having made the circuit in 13 min. from the start, and in 41 min., or 11 min. late, it was again hovering over the Aëro-Club balloon-station.



See "The World of Pastime."

Bisley.—Thursday, July 11, being Public School Day, ladies were present in force, and their gay toilettes lent brilliant colour to the scene. For the Ashburton Shield, twenty-five schools had entered. Seven shots were fired at 200 and 500 yards. In the result, the Shield was won by the Eton team with a score of 456, Charterhouse and Uppingham tieing at 445. The Cadets' Trophy, which is shot for by teams of two cadets from each Volunteer Cadet Corps, was won by Eastbourne with 113 points. Glenalmond, with 232, gained the Public Schools Veterans' Trophy. The Spencer Cup fell to Sergeant Hall, Rossall School, whose total was 34.

Electric Traction to the Fore.—Lord Rothschild formally declared open at Ealing on July 10 the first completed section of the electric tramways in London, and the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., at the inaugural luncheon at Chiswick, gave an important address upon the bearing of the undertaking upon the problems of the housing of the working classes and the need for rapid intercommunication. A procession of cars, cream, white, gold, and oxidised silver in colouring, free of all advertisements, but garlanded with smilax and roses, made the forty minutes' journey from Shepherd's Bush—the terminus of the Twopenny Tube—to Southall, by way of Acton, Ealing, and Hanwell. On the return run, opposite to the Ealing Town Hall, which was en fête in celebration of Charter Day, the first mayor received the distinguished passengers by the leading car. At Shepherd's Bush the cars were shunted to the Kew Bridge system, and, stopping at Chiswick, where the central power station is built, the guests were afforded the opportunity of inspecting a magnificent engine-house, and afterwards were entertained in a car-shed which, by the genius of Messrs. Ritz and Echenard, of the Carlton Hotel, had been transformed into a bower of roses, garlanded with smilax and draped with old gold cloth. The company numbered upwards of four hundred.

The Wesleyan Methodist Conference meets this year at Newcastle-on-Tyne, the President for the ensuing twelve months, who was nominated at the last meeting, being the Rev. William Theophilus Davison, D.D. But for his precarious health, he would have received the honour long ere this. Born at Bath in 1846, the son and grandson of Wesleyan ministers, he was educated at Kingswood School. From 1868 to 1881 he did pastoral work, in the latter year being appointed Professor of Biblical Literature at the Wesleyan Theological College, Richmond. Exactly ten years afterwards he accepted a similar post at the Handsworth College. Dr. Davison is a most acceptable preacher, and has written several able and useful books on theological and kindred subjects. Though no exciting topic is set down for debate, after what the Rev. Dr. Rigg has recently said it is not unlikely that a warm discussion may occur anent the King's Declaration.

REV. DR. T. DAVISON

The Naval Manœuvres.—This week has seen the greatest naval mobilisation ever attempted in this country. Two squadrons, consisting of twenty battle-ships, nearly twice as many cruisers, and over one hundred torpedo craft, assembled off Portland and Torquay. After the manœuvres, the Channel and Mediterranean Squadrons will meet at Gibraltar and carry out a fortnight's evolutions in the Atlantic.

The Channel Squadron will therefore assemble at Berehaven on the suspension of the mimic war, and on Aug. 26 it will proceed to Gibraltar to join the Mediterranean Fleet, under Vice-Admiral Sir John Fisher. The two fleets, numbering twenty battle-ships, will then steam well out into the Atlantic, and for fourteen days they will carry out a series of evolutions. Subsequently Vice-Admiral A. K. Wilson's command will assemble at Vigo, while the Mediterranean Fleet will return to Malta.

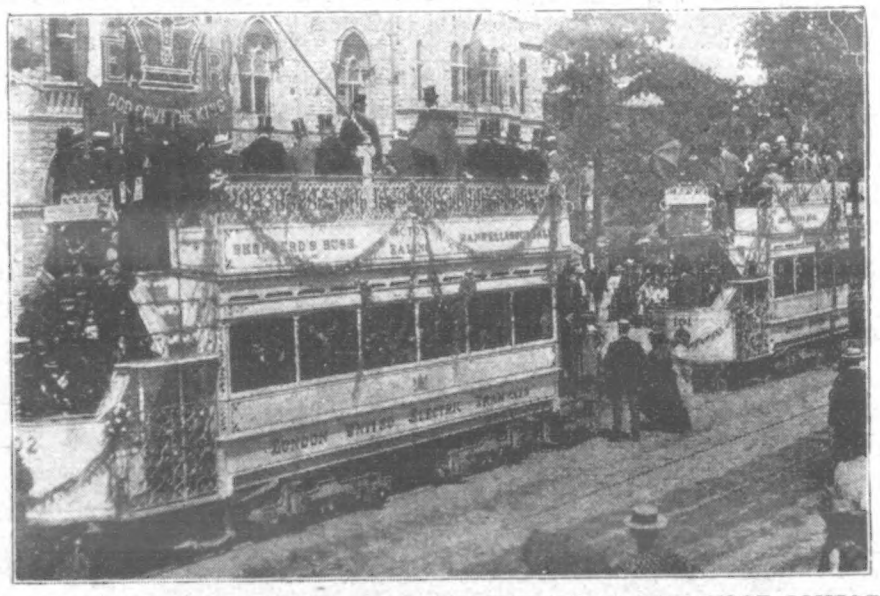
The Boer War.—Lord Kitchener reports to the War Office that on Thursday, July 11, the Boers attacked a Constabulary post at Houtkop, near Vereeniging, and captured an old 7-pounder screw-gun. The enemy were driven off. The Commander-in-Chief also enters into an explanation with regard to the engagement at Wartubaths. This affair appears to have been exaggerated, and Lord Kitchener expresses his disapproval of the policy of magnifying small successes into "British victories." In telegrams from Pretoria, dated Saturday and Sunday last, Lord Kitchener reports that General Broadwood's Brigade has surprised the town of Reitz, captured the whole of the so-called Boer Government of the Orange River Colony and its papers, with the exception of ex-President Steyn, who escaped in his shirt-sleeves, and another man.

Lord Kitchener to Secretary of State for War. Pretoria, July 13 (6.50 p.m.).—In Cape Colony Scheepers burnt public buildings in Murraysburg, and some farms in vicinity. Fetherstone's columns and Dixon's have reached Zeerust, having met some opposition and made captures. Our casualties: Lieutenant B. C. Noel, Imperial Light Horse, killed, and three officers and twenty-four men wounded. Elliot's columns have reached Heilbron from east. During march Broadwood's Brigade surprised Reitz, capturing Steyn's brother and others. Steyn himself escaped in shirt-sleeves. Lord Kitchener to Secretary of State for War. Pretoria, July 14 (11.30 a.m.).—Referring to my telegram of yesterday, so-called Orange River Government and papers were captured, Steyn and one man only escaping.

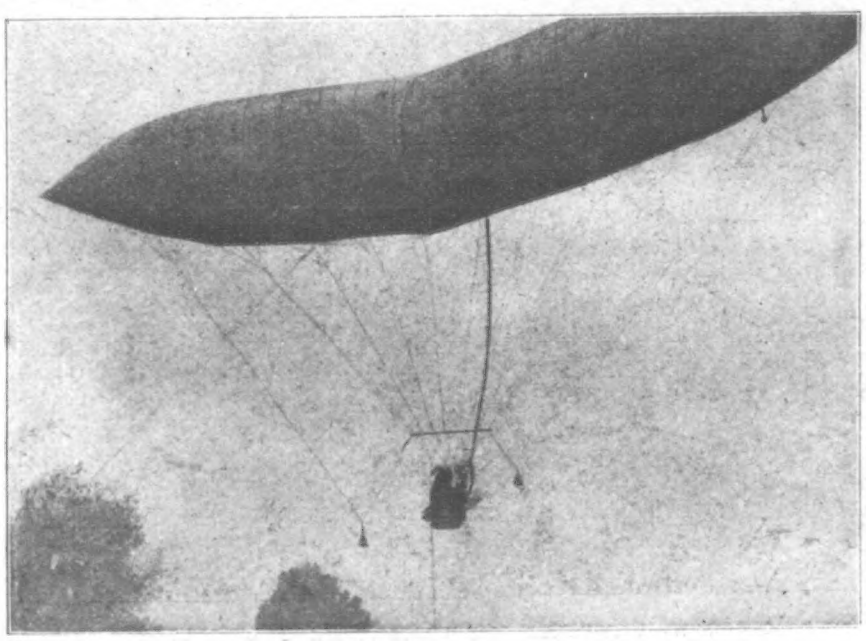
The War Office issued the following despatch on Monday. From Lord Kitchener to the Secretary of State for War. Pretoria, July 15 (9.45).—Since July 8, columns report: 32 Boers killed, 34 wounded, 307 prisoners, 140 surrenders; 218 rifles, 13,870 rounds of small-arm ammunition, 445 wagons, 4925 horses, and large number of cattle captured. French has driven Scheepers's commando, with severe loss, out of Candeboo Mountains, taking thirty-one prisoners, included in summary above.

Photo. Gibbs.

BISLEY MEETING—PUBLIC SCHOOL DAY: SHOOTING FOR THE ASHBURTON SHIELD (WON BY THE ETON COLLEGE TEAM).



THE OPENING AT EALING BY LORD ROTHSCHILD OF THE FIRST COMPLETE SECTION OF THE ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS IN LONDON, ON JULY 10.



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THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

THE GENTLEMEN TWICE DEFEATED.

BOTH at Lord's and at the Oval last week the Players beat the Gentlemen, and deservedly in each instance. At headquarters the match took quite its old place in the estimation of the public, who flocked in large numbers to see the present-day giants of the game. Many excellent examples of cricket were given on both sides, the bowling of the Gentlemen proving less poor than had been expected. Hirst, Lockwood, Tyldesley, and C. B. Fry may be regarded as the heroes of the match, a notable feature of which was the breakdown of so many of the Gentlemen in batting. At the Oval, the sides were not of so representative a character, and the match did not attract as at the M.C.C. ground. On the whole, the Gentlemen showed quite as good batting as the Players, except in the case of

Abel, who Overshadowed Everyone

with a score of 247, which had never previously been reached in a match between Gentlemen and Players. Previously to Friday, the second hundred had been topped only by W. G. Grace, who at the Oval in July 1870 played a second innings of 215, and at Brighton in August 1871 made 217, also in his second innings. This was Abel's fifth score of three figures in Gentlemen v. Players, and also his fifth of the present season; and it brought his aggregate to 1887, and left him with an average of 57·18 for thirty-eight innings (five not outs).

Eton v. Harrow.

As usual, at this great Public Schools match Lord's was graced by a company distinguished, well dressed, of all ages and complexions, and as a *tout ensemble* charming to a degree. At the end of the first day (Friday, July 12) there seemed every hope of a stubbornly contested match, the position apparently favouring neither. Eton had completed an innings for 239 runs, and Harrow had lost six wickets for 181. On Saturday, however, the remaining wickets of Harrow proved so productive that before the last fell, the total was swelled to 376, R. E. Lambert, who was bowled by Lyttelton, being top scorer of the match with 71. This somewhat unlooked-for success was followed by another in the shape of

Six Harrow Wickets for 38 Runs

by A. Buxton, and this made the ending very tame; for Harrow had but four runs to get to win, and these were made off the only ball bowled subsequently to the close of Eton's innings. The "School on the Hill" therefore won by ten wickets.

Yorkshire's Fifteenth Win

was accomplished on Saturday, the victims being Worcestershire, who were beaten by an innings and 212 runs. Yorkshire's total amounted to no fewer than 530, and of this number Hirst contributed 214, the highest innings of his career in first-class cricket. He can lay claim to the distinction of being the first cricketer of the season to

Score 1000 Runs and Take 100 Wickets.

Last season, Hirst scored 1970 runs, but his wickets did not exceed sixty-two, and each cost him 26·90 runs; but this year his bowling is keeping pace with his batting, and if this continues, Hirst will finish up the best all-round cricketer of the season. There was but a very remote chance of a definite result being reached in the match between Sussex and Leicestershire; yet the thunderstorm which visited Hastings on Saturday morning created much disappointment, for it rendered further play impracticable. The

Defeat of Notts by the South Africans

was a great feather in the latter's cap, though Notts, like Surrey earlier in the week, did not put their best side in the field. It was brought about chiefly by J. J. Kotze, who, in the first innings of the county, took seven wickets for 31 runs. Eventually, Notts were set the task of 348 runs to win, and they obtained 253 of the number, Shrewsbury playing a fine innings of 85. The

No-Balling of Mold by Phillips

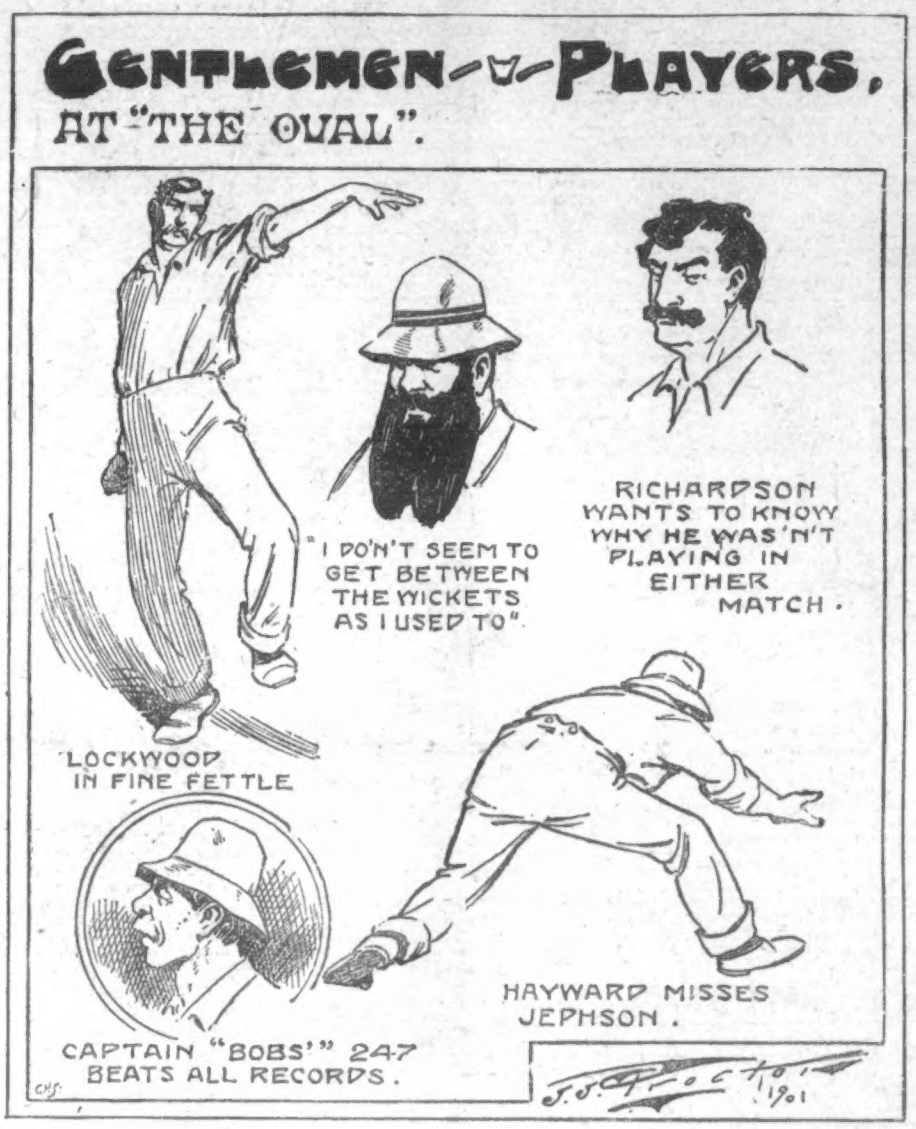
was one of the chief incidents in connection with the match between Lancashire and Somerset, which the former won by ten wickets. This is saying a good deal, as Tyldesley played an innings of 193 and E. E. Steel (brother of A. G. and D. A.) took ten Somerset wickets for 99 runs. One can readily believe that the circumstance alluded to above had not a beneficial effect upon the batting of Somerset, eight of whose wickets fell to Mold at a cost of 153 runs. It is noteworthy that though Phillips was able to detect something sufficiently suspicious to induce him to no-ball Mold, the other umpire, Richardson, was of opinion that the bowling of the Lancashire man was quite proper. The ball must be bowled, it is stated in the laws, and the transgressor deserves undoubtedly to be punished; but, as all must agree, there is something distinctly unsatisfactory in room being left for two umpires to disagree, as in this case

Middlesex and Surrey

met at Lord's on Monday, and the interest in the cricket of these "Metropolitan" counties was shown by the good attendance. Surrey batted first, and the first seven men each gave a double-figure display, causing the score-sheet to present a substantial appearance. Only Hayward and Mr. V. F. S. Crawford (42) obtained more than forty, and the former had the bad luck to return the ball to the bowler when he wanted but nine to complete his hundred. The side scored altogether 303, which could not be regarded as formidable, yet was highly satisfactory considering the strength of the bowling opposed to them.

W. Gunn on Derbyshire Bowling.

This does not apply to a discourse, but to a practical illustration. The Notts batsman started when his side had lost a wicket for 24 runs. When time arrived he was still entertaining the spectators, and his score stood at 247. With J. Gunn (84) as his companion, 174 runs were put on, then with Shrewsbury (87 not out), 208 were added in the last two hours and a quarter. William and Arthur resumed on Tuesday. Thanks chiefly to Mr. P. C. Baker (66), Mr. C. J. Burnup (49), and Blythe, who spoiled the opening of the Lancashire innings, Kent had rather the better of Monday's play at Tunbridge Wells. Mr. E. E. Steel, however, got half their wickets at a cost of 82 runs. The features of a moderate day's cricket at Edgbaston were Hargreave's bowling (eight for 62) for Warwickshire, and the batting of Board (58) and



Huggins (46 not out) for Gloucestershire. Hirst (five for 39), Rhodes, and Haigh made merry with Somerset, getting them out for 87, and then scoring between them 201: Haigh 96, Hirst 61, and Rhodes 44. Geeson, at Leicester, took seven Hampshire wickets; but Captain Greig (114) and Mr. E. I. M. Barrett (97) caused the cost to be pretty heavy. Leicestershire had to go in against 340, and started admirably.

Essex Show Fondness for the Brighton Ground.

Sussex could only get rid of six Essex batsmen on Monday. Mr. P. Perrin scored 101, Mr. A. J. Turner 82, Mr. H. G. Owen 52, and Mr. A. P. Lucas had made an excellent start, contributing 45 to the total of 370. Carpenter was absent, owing to the death of his once very famous father,

"Bob" Carpenter,

who had reached the age of seventy-one, and was umpiring but a few days before entering upon his last sleep. Failing sight prevented him umpiring in first-class matches during the past few years, but until very recently a feature of the Hastings Festival was the appearance of the two "Bobs" (Thoms and Carpenter)—most excellent fellows both. Carpenter gave one the idea of being rather taciturn, while Thoms was always cheerful and communicative; but if one succeeded in stirring the embers, the old Cambridge man could be, like his faithful friend, very entertaining.

Wingfield Sculls.

Up to Monday last, only St. George Ashe, Thames R.C., H. T. Blackstaffe, Vesta R.C., and A. H. Cloutte, London R.C., had entered, and it was then stated that C. V. Fox, Brigade of Guards R.C. (holder), winner of Diamond Sculls at Henley, was not likely to defend his title. The preliminary heat is to be rowed next Monday, starting at 5.30 p.m.

Kingston Regatta.

Old Father Thames had some very pretty and very precious loads to bear on his silvery bosom on Saturday. Particularly was this the case at Kingston, where the amateur regatta was in progress. Craft of all kinds flitted about in very animated fashion, and the lawn on Raven's Ait, near Surbiton, formed a picture so charming as momentarily to create the thought: Can there be any unhappiness in this world? "Beautiful girls (young and old) with hair in curls," or done up in some other graceful fashion, beautiful dresses, tasteful decorations, delicious music from the Hungarian Band, and, pervading all, a delightful atmosphere. Then there was the racing to give an affair of this kind just the piquant flavour required to keep everything up to concert pitch. St. George Ashe, of the Thames R.C., won the Senior Sculls, and the Medway R.C. the Junior-Senior Eights, but all the other races were won by the Kingston R.C.—Junior and Senior Fours, and Grand Challenge Eights.

Life-Saving Society.

This free show at Highgate Pond was patronized by some 30,000 persons on Saturday, and there is little doubt that many of those among them who are ignorant of the pleasures of a swim will have been so impressed with what they saw that they will make haste to gain a close acquaintance with the art of natation. The programme was attractive, and the management excellent. C. E. Feyarts, Brussels, won the 100 yards invitation handicap, in which he received 12 sec.; F. Batteraby, Stockport (holder), won the 100-yards back-stroke race; F. H. Saxton, St. Saviour's (holder), the breast-stroke race, 150 yards; and the Hornsey S.C. championship race (440 yards) fell to E. H. Naylor. One of the most pleasing competitions was the diving, for which there was a large entry. The form shown was for the most part excellent, and in the result the display of R. T. Serrans, Trident S.C., gained the chief award, the holder, E. G. Coldwell, Sandy Cove, Dublin, being second. At the York Amateur Swimming Club and Humane Society's Meeting on the river Ouse, the quarter-mile championship of that river was won by J. A. Jarvis, Leicester, and at Leamington the 100-yards swimming championship was won by J. H. Derbyshire.

The Americans at Edgbaston.

A capital meeting was held on the Warwickshire Cricket Ground on Saturday, at which the American athletes took a large share of the prizes. I. K. Baxter won the hurdle handicap, owing 13 yards, and the high jump. A. F. Duffy won the 100 yards race. Kraenzlein competed in the hurdles, but fell in his heat. He afterwards gave an exhibition, and was timed to do the 120 yards, ten flights, in 15 2-5 sec. At Widnes, one of the competitors was M. W. Long, New York. He finished second to R. W. Wadsley in the hundred, and was beaten by E. Wailing, Widnes (18 yards) in the quarter-mile handicap, starting, of course, from scratch. At this meeting, the two-mile Northern Counties Championship was won by J. T. Rimmer. The

Metropolitan Fire Brigade

athletes were at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, and, assisted by some well-known members of the L.A.C. and other clubs, they carried out a lengthy and capital programme. The five-mile bicycle championship (Hill-Trevor Challenge Cup) was again secured by T. J. Young, Blackheath, and the half-mile team race (Metropolitan Fire Brigade Challenge Cup) for private fire-brigades was won by Arding and Hobbs, the first man home being E. E. Waller, Taddy's. The

Clarence A.C.,

which is the name given to the club in connection with the great house of Maple, and of which Sir John Blundell, Bart., of that ilk is president, held high revel at the Crystal Palace, which is fast becoming a popular spot for meetings of the kind. A large and experienced body of officials lent their aid, and the result was unqualified success. The serious racing, though confined to members, was good, and sack and thread-needle races, tug-of-war, tilting at the ring, and donkey races afforded plenty of entertainment for those to whom the more serious events may have had no great interest. Mrs. Robert C. Blundell distributed the prizes.

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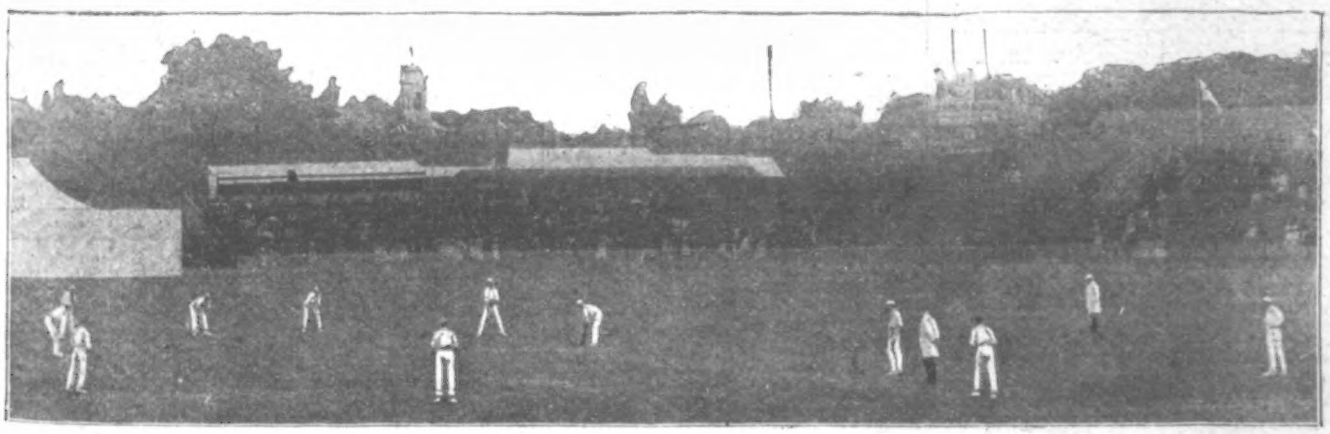

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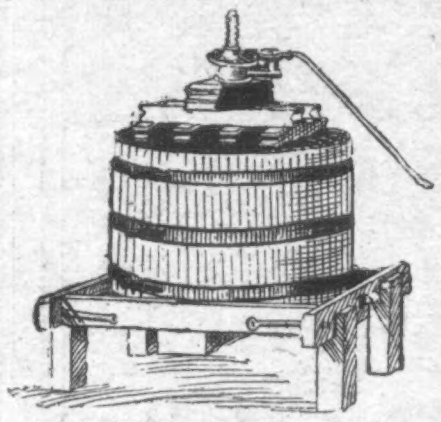
On Cider.

GOOD CIDER is one of the most wholesome of all drinks, and, thanks to Mr. Radcliffe Cooke, M.P., its virtues are becoming more appreciated every year. I do not want to give any maker a free advertisement, but it is certainly gratifying to know that the very best brands of Devonshire, Hereford, and Norfolk ciders can be obtained in most districts, London included. The cider industry is now very flourishing, both large and small makers being able to sell all they can turn out at satisfactory prices. There is room for more, and the Foreign Office, alive to the importance of the industry, has lately issued a very instructive pamphlet on the production of Normandy cider. The fullest particulars are given, and British makers should certainly benefit by



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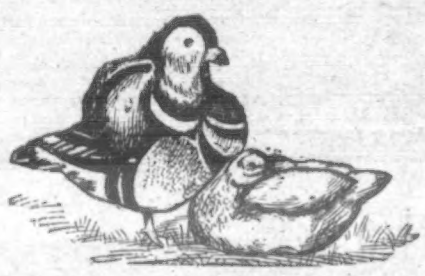
having such details brought before their notice. British agriculture may benefit from a study of the cider industry of France. It has been publicly stated that in some parts of England and Wales, and especially in Monmouth and Glamorganshire, existing orchards are falling into disuse, as the fruit grown has not been worth marketing. If such be the case, not only is there a loss of valuable property, which has required many years to attain maturity, and which should be capable of yielding a profit of from 20 to 25 per cent., but an industry is neglected which ought to give employment to the local inhabitants, and in this manner act as a check on the tendency of the rural population to flock into the towns.

Mandarin Ducks.

The Mandarin duck is one of the most beautiful birds that can be found, having a brilliancy of colour and a richness of marking which are almost indescribable. It has become a great favourite of late years, especially with those having small sheets of water. It is a native of the Celestial Empire, and has been called the Chinese teal, being there bred with great care and highly prized. It is a very small bird—in fact, a toy—its general appearance being short and plump; its head is almost round, bill small and short, but not very thick. The drake is a lovely bird. In colour his



MANDARIN DUCKS.

bill is a bright pinky red, with a tip; the eye deep red or black; on the pate a few long feathers form a crest, which is very prominent when the bird is angry or excited. These feathers, from the base of the bill, are a deep metallic green, shading into deep claret or chestnut down the back of the head. A band of lovely cream-colour stripes right across the cheek or face from the bill, extending a little way down the side of the neck. A few rich reddish feathers below this cream-colour form a kind of ruff in front of the neck. These are peculiar markings, and not found on any other of the fancy varieties. The breast is a rich deep claret. Separating the breast from the body feathers are two bands of white edged with black. A very handsome bird, it must be admitted.

A Supplemental Seat for Vehicles.

Among the patents lately issued in the United States is a third seat for two-seated vehicles, the invention of a Massachusetts man. The seat is bolted to a detachable skeleton frame, constructed with a horizontal part resting on the

A DETACHABLE THIRD SEAT FOR VEHICLES.

seat cushion. A downwardly extending hook part receives the rear end of the cushion. A firm support is provided by a cross-bar resting on the cushion. As shown in the Illustration, the supplemental seat is placed in the middle of the main seat in an elevated position, so that it will interfere but little with the occupants of the main seat. The idea is good, and with a little ingenuity such a seat could easily be made, and would often be found very useful.

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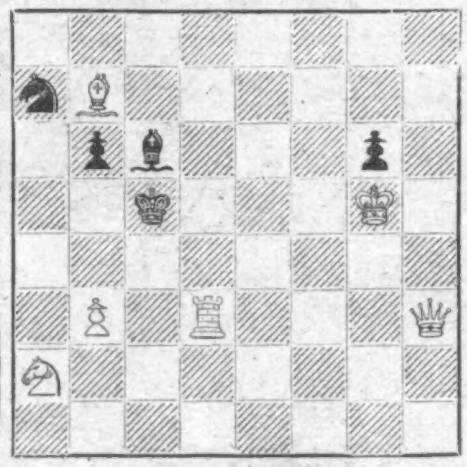
G. M. MAY.—1. Q to Kt 2nd is the author's solution. Q to Kt 6th and Q to R 7th fail if Black play Kt to B 4th; and Q to Kt 8th fails if he continue K to Q 6th.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 382.

1. Kt to B 6th	B takes Kt	2. P to B 4th	Mate
1. ,,	P to B 5th	2. R to Q 5th	,,
1. ,,	K takes Kt	2. R to Q 6th	,, etc.

PROBLEM No. 383.—BY A. STEPANOW.

BLACK (Five Pieces).



WHITE (Six Pieces).

White to play, and mate in two moves.

A MUZIO GAMBIT.

It is so very seldom that one meets with any specimens of a Gambit of any kind in general, and of a Muzio Gambit in particular, that we have much pleasure in reproducing a game played in Budapest, in which M. Brody, of international fame, successfully played the Muzio Gambit. We do this lest we forget that the Opening is still in existence. Modern players in England never venture to play Gambits of any kind.

WHITE (M. Brody).	BLACK (L. Banya).
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th
2. P to K B 4th	P takes P
3. K Kt to B 3rd	P to K Kt 4th
4. B to B 4th	P to Kt 5th
5. Castles	P takes Kt
6. Q takes P	Q to B 3rd
7. P to K 5th	Q takes P
8. P to Q Kt 3rd	

Ingenious, though not original. If in reply Black play Q takes R, then White will play Kt to B 3rd, and Black will have to stand up against White's furious onslaught minus his Queen. The usual move is 8. P to Q 3rd. Morphy used to play here 8. B takes P (ch), giving up a second piece, followed by 9. P to Q 4th, etc.

8.	B to R 3rd
9. Kt to B 3rd	Kt to K 2nd
10. B to Kt 2nd	Castles
11. Q R to K 1st	Q to Q 3th (ch)
12. K to R 1st	Kt to Kt 3rd
13. B to R 1st	

It was natural for White to make this move, by which he endeavours to unmask his Bishop. We doubt very much whether Black had any good defence. If B to Kt 2nd, then 14. Kt to Q 5th, Q to B 4th; 15. B takes B, K takes B; 16. Q to B 3rd (ch), P to B 3rd; 17. Kt takes P (B 4th), etc.

13.	Q to R 1st
14. Kt to Q 5th	B to Kt 2nd
15. Q takes P	

Well hit. If Kt takes Q, 16. Kt to K 7th, Mate.

15.	Kt to B 3rd
16. Q takes P (ch)	

And Mates in three more moves.

DRAUGHTS.

W. FOWLER.—Quite correct.

J. J. Q.—No. 2 was accepted; also 3 and 4. No. 5 has two keys: 15—11 and 22 18. No. 6, reverse Black and White men, and make Black to win.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 344.—By J. STRATTON.

Black: 2, 7, 16, 19, 20, 24.
White: 9, 17, 18, 23, 25, 26.

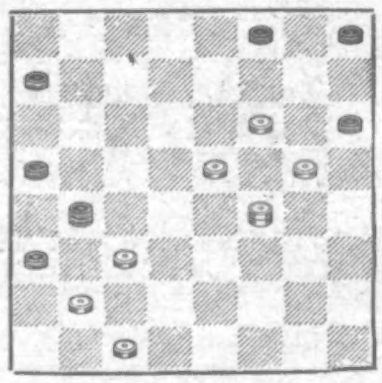
Black to move, and win.

2—6	24—28	20—24	28—32	32—23
9 2	2 11	11 27	23 16	B. wins.

PROBLEM No. 345.

By J. ADAMS (Towcester).

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to move, and win.

GAME No. 296.

By H. T. SMITH (Chelsea).

"Dyke."

11—15	22 18	7—10	25 21	9—13
22 17	9—13	14 7	16—20	6 9
15—19	17 14	3—19	14 10	14—18
24 15	6—10	22 17	9—14	31 27
10—19	25 22	13—12	18 9	12—16
23 16	10—17	26 17	5—14	9 6
12—19	21 14	2—6	10 7	16—19
25 22	8—12	29 25	1—5	6 10
8—11	27 24	19—23	7 2	
30 25	11—16	17 14(a)	5—9	W. wins.
4—8	24 15	6—9	2 6	

(a) To correct game 291, where 23 21 was played, allowing Black to draw.

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Rosalind's Fashions.

MUSLIN, muslin everywhere, is the order of the day—the lovely summer day, long deferred, but come at last; muslin plain and muslin flowery, spotted, or patterny, dark or light, for youth or maturity. Never was so much muslin worn, we imagine, since the days of Madame Récamier and her contemporary beauties, who wore little else than muslin, and walked in the park in low bodices, short sleeves, and skimpy skirts of it, with the sole additional protection of a muslin scarf, which it was *de rigueur* to hold loosely and airily, floating somewhere about the waist to render useless even that fragile wrap. This toilette, combined with the thinnest of stockings and satin shoes with no soles worth mentioning, formed the staple costume of the belles of the early Empire; and small wonder that consumption was life. We are more rational about our muslin now, though the low bodices and short sleeves are creeping in.

A SMART HAT AND MUSLIN COLLAR.

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A Pretty Example of the muslin collar which is such a vogue now both in sailor, square, or fichu form, is depicted in my first Illustration. The collar is of fine plain "book" muslin, hemstitched, and edged with Valenciennes lace. Round the neck is an insertion run through with black ribbon velvet, which, passing underneath, ties in a bow and longish ends. This is here worn over a dainty gowered muslin.

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A Very Smart Blouse is shown in Fig. 2. The bodice in this case is of black satin, and has

PRETTY BLACK SATIN BLOUSE.

transparent black lace insertions showing white satin beneath. Round the throat and wrists the white satin is omitted, and the throat and hands show through in place of it; in both cases finished by a knot of white satin ribbon. The hat worn here is a black chip flat shape, scarved with white mousseline, and finished by a big cluster of scarlet poppies. This could be worn with almost any skirt, and should prove not only a dressy but useful investment.

STYLISH PASTEL-CLOTH TOILETTE.

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A Delightful Pastel Cloth Toilette combined with lace and silk is given in my last sketch. The skirt is quite plain but for one row of white lace insertion round the hem and a corselet-piece of the same lace over the hips. The bodice, cut with a turnover circular collar, is made open to show the tucked white silk undervest and collar, and is edged entirely round with the white lace insertion which also encircles the sleeves, prettily gathered into the wrists with a frill of lace over the hand. The hat here is of chalk-white chip with a scarf of black mousseline and knot of pink roses.

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Now the Sales Are On, my readers may be glad of a few suggestions from gowns seen at Lord's and Henley, at both of which gatherings many pretty frocks did congregate. Green, and green-and-white muslins with black velvet bébé-ribbon, and pale blue and pale mauve muslin were much in evidence, and, with white, were first favourites.

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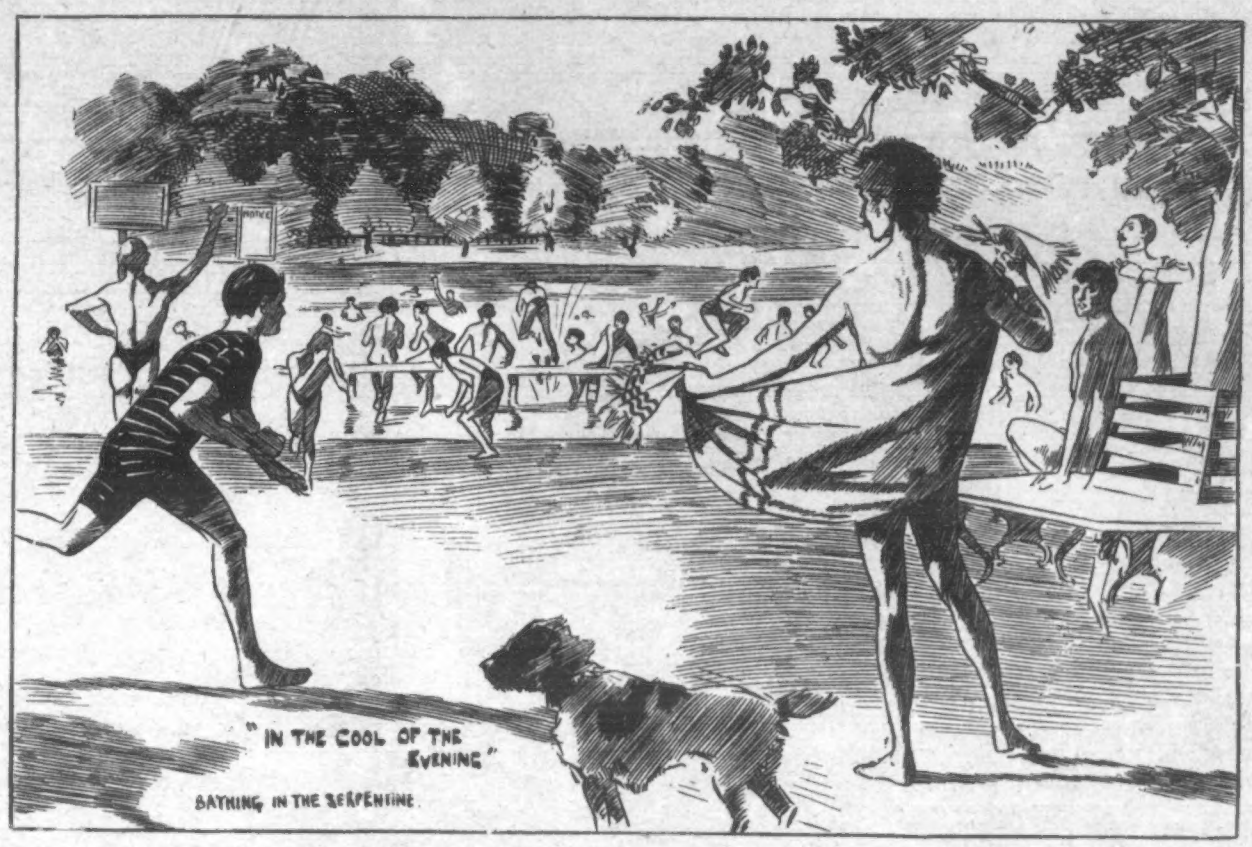

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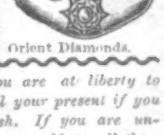

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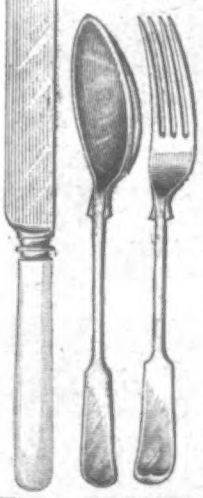

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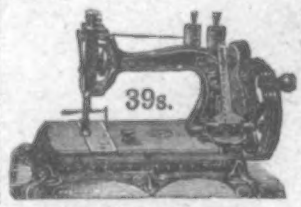

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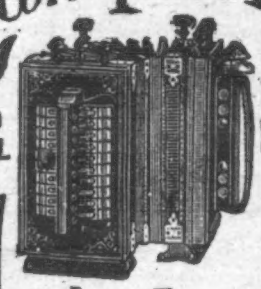

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The Girls He Left Behind Him.

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PRIVATE JOHN BRADSHAW was coming home—home from the war!—and all the village was agog with a new and wonderful excitement. Never in the history of the village—or, at any rate, within the memory of the most ancient of its many ancient inhabitants—had there been such an event, nor such reason to promote a heart-whole merry-making.

All things considered, then, the home-coming of Private John Bradshaw was to these folk the event of the century, and it was because they felt it to be so that they made such preparations. The Flag of Old England floated from the staff which topped the church tower; there was a triumphal arch between the Blue Lion and the farmhouse opposite; a band of music was in readiness to march to the station and back again; the Vicar had prepared a speech and was fidgety to make it; and the usually busy folk were so excited that they made holiday as with one consent.

There were two other persons in the village who were speculating on Private John Bradshaw's possibly altered appearance, and they were women, and young. One of these, Marbella Shortly, was certainly the belle of the village, and fully conscious of her own charms and graces. When John finally made up his mind to "go for a soldier," Marbella found that her heart was like to go with him; when John returned home on his first furlough, in all the glory of gold and scarlet, Marbella's heart was finally captured; when John set out for the seat of war he carried Marbella's sacred promise wrapped up in his own heart, and already looked forward to coming back, with honours and promotion, to marry her.

But Private John Bradshaw carried away more than he knew. He had flirted and larked with nearly every girl in the village in his time, but with one he had never held more than friendly conversation, and that one was his cousin, Ellen Joyce. She was a quiet, unassuming girl, with little to say for herself on any subject; neither handsome nor pretty, and with nothing in her face that would make a man look at it twice, save a certain appealing wistfulness which deepened and took on new meaning as she grew into womanhood. There had not been too much of pleasure or lightsomeness in her life at any time, but John Bradshaw had always spoken kindly to her, and there had come a time at last when a chance word from him sent the blood flooding into Ellen's pale face and roused a new look in her eyes. There came a time, too, when she knew that she loved this handsome young soldier with all her heart and soul, and though Private Bradshaw never dreamed of it, the vigils which he kept perforce upon the South African veldt were not longer than those which his cousin kept for his sake in the little cottage.

These two women, then, Marbella Shortly and Ellen Joyce, were thinking many things during the hours which preceded the home-coming of Private John Bradshaw. Marbella's thoughts were not exactly clear—she had confused notions that everything was going to be very grand, and that she, as John's sweetheart, would figure in the day's proceedings in a large degree. She pictured John in his best uniform, with several medals on his breast, and herself sitting by his side in the carriage which was to meet him at the station; she took the congratulatory addresses, the triumphal arch, the bell-ringing, as things lawfully appertaining to herself. As for Ellen, her one thought was that he was home again, and alive.

Never since an impertinent railway company had brought its line to within a mile of the village had the station which bore the village's name upon its glaring white boards been so crowded as on this winter afternoon. Everybody seemed to be there, even to the babies and sheep-dogs. There was the Squire, rosy and beaming, and the Vicar, full of anxiety about his speech, in which he had artfully interwoven many extraneous things, and the farmers, and the landlord of the Blue Lion, and even the oldest inhabitant. There, too, was the band, every member of which was feverishly anxious to play "See, the Conquering Hero Comes!" And there was Marbella and Ellen, and Private John Bradshaw's father and mother, who were tearful, because he was their only child. Among these people bustled the stationmaster, who, not to be behindhand, had stretched a piece of faded carpet across the centre of the platform, and was loudly persuading all but the elect to keep off it. Only the Squire and the Vicar, and the Vicar's lady, and old Stephen Bradshaw and his wife were to set foot on its sacredness until Private John Bradshaw himself descended upon it. But the Vicar's lady looked round and saw Marbella and smiled.

"I think Marbella ought to be admitted within the charmed circle," she said to the Squire, "all things considered. Come here, Marbella—stand by Mrs. Bradshaw."

Then the Vicar's wife espied Ellen Joyce, shrinking timidly on the edge of the crowd, and she went to her and brought her forward against her will.

"Ellen is John's cousin," she said to her husband. "Of course she must have a good place."

It was rapidly growing towards that period of the November afternoon wherein daylight appears to dispute the right of dusk to usurp its place, when the train which carried Private John Bradshaw towards them was heard approaching. It came with the pomp of circumstance: two platelayers had gone down the line and placed certain fog-signals upon the rails as substitutes for salvoes of artillery. And ere anyone exactly knew what was happening, the train was drawing up at the station, the band was uplifting its loudest strains, and every throat was screaming or shouting a welcome to the returning hero.

"Now, then, keep back there!" vociferated the stationmaster as he finally brought the train to a standstill. "Keep back! Here's the carriage; now, let him have a chance!"

The folk held back with a sudden return to patience and order. Everybody's eyes were fixed on a compartment from the window of which a hand had just been waved. The cheers rose up again and again as the stationmaster opened the door—and then died swiftly into a blank silence.

Private John Bradshaw, helped out of his compartment by the strong arms of Squire and Vicar, and set down in safety on the strip of carpet laid there to honour him, was not exactly the sort of sight a hero should present. Everybody saw at once that he had lost his left arm and his right foot; that a hideous scar had changed his features; that he was thin and pallid and worn. And Marbella saw, with quick apprehension of fact, that the gold and scarlet were not there, nor the glittering medals, and that her lover had returned to her in a dingy khaki uniform, covered by a much-worn grey coat, and supporting himself, like a roadside cripple, on a crutch.

"Oh, my bairn, my bairn!" wailed the old mother.

The crowd kept very silent. Private John Bradshaw had got his one arm round his mother's neck. "Never mind, mother!" said he. "I 'm here at last—home again!"

The Vicar looked at the Squire, and the Squire looked at the Vicar, and there was that in their eyes which put all speech-making out of the question. But both men stepped forward and shook Private John Bradshaw's hand, and the Squire put up his arm for silence.

"Three cheers for John Bradshaw!" he said solemnly.

Private John Bradshaw stood waiting while they cheered. Something moved him to take off his old forage-cap; something moved him to cast his eyes earthward. When the cheering died away he looked up.

"I—I thank one an' all," he said. "I thank everybody heartily. And I 'm rare and glad to see everybody once again. It 's rare an' good to be home again—safe and sound!"

Then they put Private John Bradshaw with all his safe-and-soundness into the carriage, and the young men pulled it, and the band went before, every man playing out of tune, and the old mother held her lad's hand and the father sat in a dry-eyed sorrow, remembering how active and strong his son had been, and wondering why wars were made by them Parlyment men as might ha' knowed better. And so they brought him home.

It was some days ere Private John Bradshaw—"sore wounded and a perfect cripple"—had the chance of a serious interview with Marbella. She had come to see him at his father's cottage every day, and had gazed at him as if her eyes regarded some curiosity, and he had thought once that he saw a gleam of repugnance in them as she looked at the disfiguring scar. And when she came in and found him alone one day he watched for that look, and had not long to wait ere he saw it.

"Bella," said Private John Bradshaw.

Marbella looked at him, and her heart gave a quick leap.

"Well?" she said questioningly.

"You and me was promised, Bella," said he. "Promised, wasn't we—before I went out yonder?"

"I wish to Heaven you 'd never gone," cried Marbella with sudden passion. "You was a proper enough man then, and now——"

"Aye, and now I 'm about half a man, I suppose?" he said bitterly. "But I 'm the same man, Bella. It 's me as has come back."

Marbella tapped her foot impatiently upon the fender of the cottage hearth. "I never expected that you 'd come back wi' out an arm and a leg," she said at last. "I don't think 'at I could bear to marry a man 'at had lost so much of hisself; it doesn't seem hardly proper, like, 'at a fine young woman like me should——"

Private John Bradshaw made an impatient movement. "Say no more, lass," he said. "You 're free enough for me. I 'm not the sort to hold a woman to her word if she wants to cry off. So make yourself easy."

Marbella's easy heart melted. She went. "I knew you 'd none stand in my way, John," she said. "You was always a good sort. I did keep true to you while you was away, though I 'm sure it was a wonder, seeing the chances I had; but, of course, things is different now, and I couldn't abide a man 'at 's crippled, and the keeper, he 's wild to marry me."

"Go and marry him then," said Private John Bradshaw. "I wish him joy, I 'm sure. He ought to feel proud to marry such a fine young woman as you are. And so good-bye, Bella, my girl."

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Ellen Joyce came to see the wounded man every day. She had always been shy and timid, and she was doubly so now; and at first Private John Bradshaw was inclined to be amused at her diffidence. He talked kindly to her, as had been his wont, and began to tell her stories of the war. He told her how he had lost his arm and foot, and of the pain he had suffered, and it suddenly dawned upon him that some of the suffering was reflected in her face and eyes.

"You 've got a feelin' heart, you have!" he exclaimed. "I was beginning to think——"

But Ellen had hurried away, confused and overwhelmed by the sudden remark, and next day she did not go to Bradshaw's cottage, but contented herself with an inquiry made of the hero's mother. And because she did not go, John missed her. He had a good deal to be thankful for, as the old women say: the Squire was going to give him a nice easy job and good wages for life, and he would always be provided for; but—he sighed as he thought of his former activity, and then of the enforced quiescence which must be his in the future. For, as he had told Marbella, it was himself who had returned.

Into the greyness of those days came back diversion communicated by the hero's mother, who returned from a shopping expedition in a state of high excitement. There had been numerous women in the village shop, Marbella amongst them, and Ellen Joyce with, but not of, them, and Marbella, being rallied on the subject, had roundly declared that she would as soon think of marrying a black negro cannibal as of uniting herself with a man who had, so to speak, lost one-half of himself, and had wound up her protestations with some pleasant rustic joke of a personal nature at her former lover's expense.

"An' you might ha' knocked me down with a feather," concluded Mrs. Bradshaw, "but it 's gospel truth 'at when your cousin Ellen heerd that, she went for yon 'Bella like a wild thing and slapped her i' th' mouth. 'Take that to stop your foul tongue!' she says, and slaps her again. Aye, she did!—and her always so timorous and put-on-able, as you might say! But she stopped yon 'Bella, did our Ellen."

Private John Bradshaw heard, and laughed, and wondered, and had enough of the real soldier in him to feel a glow of admiration for the woman whose spirit, usually so meek and gentle, had risen in defence of him. He looked at Ellen with more interest next time she visited the cottage.

"So you 've been doin' a bit o' soldierin' for me, Nelly, eh?" he said teasingly. Ellen's face assumed a rosy hue, and she looked away from him.

"It were a well-plucked thing to do," he said, laughing. And then, his mood suddenly changing to one of unusual complaining, he burst out bitterly: "After all, she was right! I 'm naught but half a man now—a poor, useless cripple 'at can do naught for himself nor nobody else——" He caught her glance as he stopped, and something in it held him.

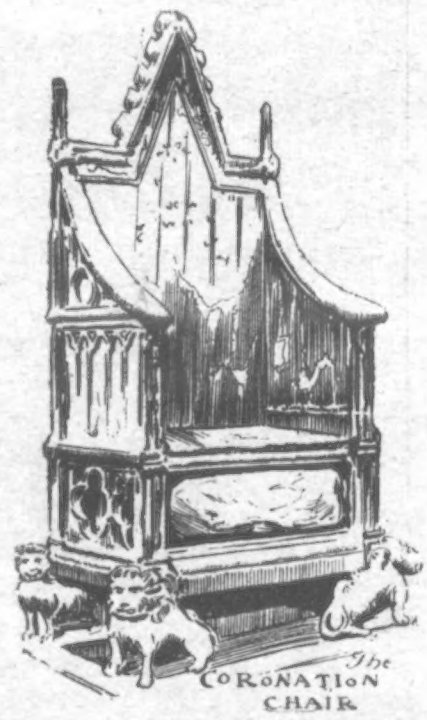
"John!" she said, half panting. "John! Oh, don't, John. It 's—it 's you that 's come back, after all—it 's you!"

Then Private John Bradshaw discovered that of all the girls he left behind him there was one to whom an arm and foot more or less made little difference when important things came to be dealt with. And being wise, he was glad.

THE END.

BRITAIN'S CORONATION CHAIR.

THE recent Royal Proclamation regarding the forthcoming coronation of King Edward VII. reminds us that the coronation-chair depicted in our sketch is of considerable historic interest. Known as the Chair of St. Edward, it is an old-fashioned seat of hardwood, gaily painted, and was used in ancient



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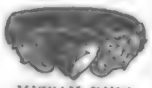
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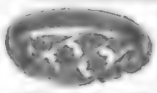
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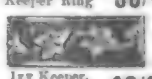
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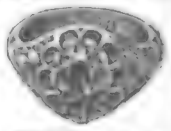
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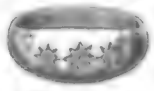
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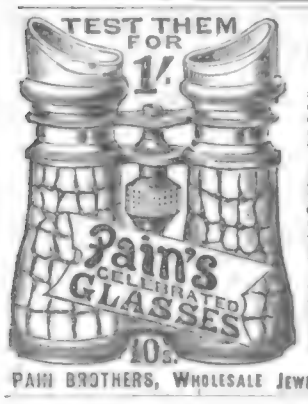

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on account of his having been the victim of toothache! I do indeed pity him for having to appear in public so often looking pleased and interested, when he must have longed for quiet and rest. But now that he has got rid of the offending tooth, he will soon be all right again. It is a curious coincidence that the trouble was in a tooth which he had stopped when he was in Adelaide twenty years ago! The work of stopping must have been well done to have lasted so long.

The Fair Duchess,

in spite of anxiety and fatigue, took the Duke's share of the work in addition to her own, and won golden opinions from everyone for her sweetness and graciousness. She went to a grand football match alone, and gave the prizes, and, alone, she received the guests at the grand dinner and reception which were given at Government House, Adelaide; and, amid all her other duties, she made time to visit the Adelaide Hospital and the Hospital for Children, at both of which she was warmly received. Her kindness made a deep impression upon the inmates of both institutions. Ah, my friends, give your heart's best instincts fair play, and you will shed a world of sunshine round you.

Prince Edward of York

has always seemed to me from his photographs to be one of the most intelligent boys I have ever seen. He is as shrewd and 'cute as his grandfather, who may well feel proud of his Sailor-son's eldest child. He has a mind of his own, has little Prince Edward. Of this Mr. Downey had a good opportunity of judging on a recent visit of the young Prince to his studio in Ebury Street. He freely criticised the portraits, and expressed disappointment that Mr. Downey had no photographs of ships, in which he is naturally very much interested, on account of the historic voyage his father and mother are making in H.M.S. *Ophir*. Mr. Stephen Cribb, of Southsea, will provide Prince Edward with any amount of views of Men-of-War and transports.

I read with pleasure that this affectionate young Prince has sent out a little water-colour sketch of a flower to his father with the inscription—

"For Darling Papa, from David."

The latter memento now hangs upon the wall of the Duke's private cabin on board the *Ophir*. A great portion of the little Prince's time is spent in the open air. He either drives with his grandmamma, or in a Norfolk cart with his governess; or he rides on his little pony. When in town he rides in the grounds of Buckingham Palace, and there he also practises driving a pair of little ponies attached to a tiny open carriage, and he gives promise of being a first-rate whip.

He is now learning to cycle, his grandfather having given him a beautiful little machine on his seventh birthday. One of his greatest treats when in London is to drive with his grandmother, Queen Alexandra, in the Park, in the afternoon, when he is the observed of all observers. He already knows what a magnificent Empire his grandfather rules over, and pains are taken to imbue him with a knowledge that not only is England great, but that she has great responsibilities. It will be very interesting to watch the little fellow's career.

The Botanical Gardens,

most beautiful and restful oasis in London on an ordinary day, offered a particularly delightful entertainment on July 11, thanks to the self-sacrificing exertions of Lady Ancaster and other noblewomen, who promoted a pretty series of idyllic dances by the children of society dames on behalf of deserving charities. It was really a glorious fête champêtre. A pastoral play by Ben Greet's famous company, and these lovely girls' dances made up a Midsummer afternoon's round of enjoyment rare indeed in the heart of town. The group photographed on this page will afford an idea of the dainty grace of the sweetly pretty dancers in the woodland glades. A handsome sum was realised, I rejoice to learn, for the benevolent institutions concerned.

Madame Calve,

the best living interpreter of the Spanish gipsy Carmen, is here delineated by Downey as Messaline, in which part she drew one of the most fashionable audiences of the season to the Royal Opera, Covent Garden. Though the theme of Mr. Isidore de Lara's opera is as unpalatable as the plot of many lyric dramas in which Immorality runs riot, yet there could be no denying the power and cleverness of Madame Calvé's impersonation of the arch-enchantress. But it is her Carmen that has proved the most fascinating of her rôles this summer as in the past.

Madame Sarah Bernhardt

closed her successful season at Her Majesty's on the Friday of last week, and at midnight she and M. Coquelin entertained Sir Henry Irving and a brilliant company at a farewell supper at the Carlton Hotel. She left London last Saturday for Paris, where she gave a gratuitous performance of "L'Aiglon" with M. Coquelin on Sunday, the day of the French National Fête. This true dramatic genius was entertained freely during her too brief stay here. In addition to the New Vagabond Club's delightful luncheon in her honour at the Hôtel Cecil, there was a Mayoral entertainment at the Mansion House; and Madame Bernhardt was the bright particular star of a pleasant function at Mr. Moberly Bell's, and at the Lady Journalists' Matinée at Essex Hall, where Mrs. Stannard (John Strange Winter) testified to our warm admiration of her talents, and presented her with a piece of china in token thereof. The kind things Madame Bernhardt said of Englishmen and Englishwomen on her return to Paris cannot but encourage a cordial understanding between England and France.

Miss Ellen Terry

should not be forgotten whilst just tribute is paid to her great French contemporaries lately in London—Mesdames Bernhardt and Réjane. Her rare charm and undiminished ability have in this the closing week of the Lyceum season added to the attractiveness of "Charles I." and the other interesting plays in which Sir Henry Irving has been the hero. Our foremost English actress, the gifted lady who has so long been the right hand of Sir Henry Irving, departs after this week for a well-earned holiday, part of which will be spent in her pretty seaside garden-home on the South Coast.

Miss Daisy Combe. Miss Helen Meysey Thompson. Miss Esther Combe.

THREE GRACES AT THE DANCING FÊTE AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

Photograph by R. N. Speaight, 178, Regent Street.

Noble's Costumes for Hot Weather.

I have received daintily executed illustrations of the novelties for hot weather wear in costumes, skirts, and blouses, made in cotton, silk, and all manner of light fabrics, by John Noble, Limited, Brook Street Mills, Manchester. In addition to the noted Noble specialties for regular wear this enterprising firm is prepared to provide against every degree of hot weather, including those waves of heat which our American cousins are politely ready to pass on to us. Readers should write for these handsome photo lists of summer novelties, which will be sent post free, together with handy books of patterns showing at a glance the style to choose and the correct material in which it should be worn. Not the least interesting of these circulars is that containing the announcement of Noble's summer clearance sale, a noteworthy event for lovers of real bargains.

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An Ingenious Competition

has been hit upon by Messrs. Ogden, Limited, of the celebrated "Guinea-Gold Cigarettes" firm. I have before me a specimen of the Albums Ogdens are issuing to the public throughout the kingdom, with instructions how to fill them—*i.e.*, buy the gem photographs contained in their packets of ten cigarettes. I understand Messrs. Ogden wish to present a number of these when they are filled to charitable institutions, and with this object in view they are willing to pay one guinea each for the first thousand clean, filled albums sent to them at Boundary Lane, Liverpool, before the end of the year. Albums not purchased will be returned.

At the Hovis Bread Competition,

held in London, upwards of 1000 loaves of Hovis bread were sent in from all the leading bakers of the Midland Counties. The bread, after being judged, was divided among the following institutions: St. Thomas's, the London, and Metropolitan Hospitals, also Nazareth House, and Dr. Barnardo's Home. This gift of bread was greatly appreciated by the inmates of these institutions. It is the third time a similar distribution has been made.

I hope those of my readers who live in town will not lose the opportunity presented by the sales to buy one or two of the

Pretty Lace Collars

which are now being sold very much below the prices asked for them in the early summer. These collars give us a very simple mode of making a plain bodice look very dressy and pretty, and they are an enormous saving in the matter of trimmings. Pretty muslins are also very cheap just now; and if this weather continues there will be ample time to wear them. I wish I could be sure that it would continue, but I fear that rain will come down in August, when nobody wants it. However, it cannot be helped. The holidays are at hand, and by the end of the month London will have emptied itself.

Personally, I Like London

when it is rather empty and there is nothing going on. It is restful, but I am ordered away for a change. It is a change, but not really a holiday. No worker ever has a real holiday in these days of pressure and competition. A correspondent writes to ask if her ordinary insurance of her bicycle will suffice whilst she is touring about, and staying away from home. No; it will not. She must have a travelling policy—it will not cost much—that will cover all emergencies. She should write to the secretary

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A Troubled Housekeeper

who has poured out her woes to me upon the subject of the summer outing. "I assure you," she says, "it is no joke to move, with two energetic schoolboys, one schoolgirl, and three little children, for a month or six weeks to the seaside." I should think not, indeed! My correspondent was wise to take a house

Within Easy Reach of the "Sands and the Shops."

It adds tenfold to the fatigue of the housekeeper to be far away from the shops, and it is fatal to be a long way from the beach. Furnished houses at the seaside are often devoid of comforts, but it is possible to rough it in fine weather, if only the sanitary arrangements are good and the water fairly pure. But every mother of children should take with her one of the

Newest and Best of Filters.

The ordinary charcoal-filter is not now the best. In fact, unless it is kept perfectly clean you are better without it. Every drop of milk used at the seaside should be boiled. Milk in London is not always first-class, but in the country and at the seaside it is too often a death-trap. And remember, heating is of no use; it must boil. I have heard a mother at the seaside make a terrible fuss because her large party of children had to do without dinner-napkins, but she never asked a question about the water and milk supply, and never tried to have the latter boiled.

There is nothing absolutely new in the shape of bathing-dresses.

Serge

is still the favourite material, either blue, white, or red. Bathing-dresses are very rarely hired now; women prefer to have their own, and quite right too. We should not care to wear under-garments that had been worn by other people, and why, then, hire a bathing-gown which has been used by other women? And the fashion of having private bathing boxes or tents is very much to be commended. Nothing would induce me to use a box or tent which was frequented by all sorts and conditions of women and children; nor should I expect other people to care to use mine.

The Weather is Exceedingly Hot

just now in town; everyone is panting and puffing, and a great many of the horses are wearing a kind of straw hat to protect their heads. Such heat is very trying, and it is difficult to keep anything in the way of eatables. There has been a great glut of fruit in London, but the strawberries are now nearly over.

I cull from that admirably conducted newspaper, the *North Devon Journal*, a fresh and fragrant tribute to the idyllic charms of Devonshire by Winifred Ethel Heard—

A Devon Valley

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The rowans cast their pure-white snow
Upon the tall, green grass;
A streamlet, singing merrily,
Runs through the meadow pass;
The lightest breezes stir again
The fairy heather-bells;
The hare-bell and the foxglove sway,
And merry music swells.

The gorses cast their radiant glow
Adown this valley sweet;
The yellow broom and meadow-sweet
Bloom in this fair retreat;
On sunny slopes the pine-trees rise,
And silver birch, and beech,
Beyond the stile and water-mill,
And shining river's reach.

The seagulls fly in merry way
Toward the distant sea;
The skylarks soaring overhead
With song: the melody
Makes Heaven seem near this Summer day,
As, far from dust and heat,
Adown a Devon Valley we
Can hear the waters meet.

MARGUERITE.

THE RACING WORLD.

A VERY pleasant week might have been spent by the sportsman who devoted himself to the Turf from last Sunday to the Saturday just coming. For the first day was arranged a private view of the

Cobham Stud Farm,

including its residents, permanent and visiting. The *P.I.P.* has not space to go into particulars of the sires and brood mares, the babies of both sexes and their young elders, who are entitled to rank as equine boys and girls, calling Cobham their home for the time. But I can congratulate the establishment on the good all-round show it makes and the general excellence of its arrangements. A beautiful corner of Surrey does the stud farm occupy, a circumstance which should aid the proprietary in their sales. Because, you see, *the* great desirable preliminary to making customers is to get hold of likely buyers, and collect them on the required spot. If you can offer to such a day in the country—country not to be beaten for its charms—as sure recompense put against time given up to make the excursion, giving this in addition to the chance of picking up bargains, then you must be likely to gather a profitable connection. Cobham—Church Cobham this is; Street Cobham is on the Portsmouth main road, beloved of cyclists—is a remarkably picturesque village, full of artistic bits

Eminently Surrey in Character.

The church, in whose graveyard you find a memorial to a departed worthy, "late of the Kingdom of Ireland"; the quaint House of Rest, its next-door neighbour; the grey old bridge spanning our eccentric Mole hereabouts, a fairly fast-flowing, trouty river; the great old-fashioned red-brick farmhouse over the way; the big "place," which makes you cast back to Theodore Hook's fishing lines, with his "Harvey Combe of Cobham"; the green cross mead "footpath way" to Hatchford, giving suggestion of the merry heart that goes all the day, and not a thought for the sad one tiring in a mile—are all components in most grateful memories of which

Church Cobham is the Centre,

and for which the stud farm, as first attraction, is to be credited. I first went there to see Blair Athol sold, and nearly bought for myself one of the cheapest thoroughbreds ever sold. I quite forget his name. Still would I go and make my friends do likewise; for, as I say, what you lose by the swings you win by the roundabouts. Well, I didn't quite say so, did I? But you understand what I mean. If you do not see a single lot to suit you—in which case you may be hardish to please—you can turn your attention to the countryside; and subsequently, or on the spot there and then, thank your *P.I.P.* for acting as guide, also as friend.

From Cobham to Esher is not a far cry—say four miles, start and finish; so while I am in imagination in the locality, I may as well finish my duties in the district, so far as I can get now. As I write, there seems small prospect of the first

Eclipse Stakes Day's Weather

repeating itself. What a miserable afternoon that was on which the bold Bendigo, the greatest favourite of all race-horses I ever cared for, landed the big prize. You *might* see the racing. What you were sure to see was a forest of umbrellas, for it rained and rained and rained. Such a visitation would be welcome indeed now. I do not suppose that the respective stables interested would be at all sorry if we had plenty of rain before

Disguise II., Diamond Jubilee,

Epsom Lad, and Co. came to the post. The first and second in the Newmarket Princess of Wales's Stakes should make a most interesting race of it. But, you say, what about Disguise II.; is he not in it as well as the pair? He is so; I grant that. I was only talking about the other rivals, who, with a difference of weights from the first meeting which ought to give

Diamond Jubilee

the advantage, should finish very close together. Epsom Lad won very easily at Newmarket, but then the Jubilee was not so fit as he is now. So there you are. To me it appears a matter of heads or tails on the book. My fancy is for Diamond Jubilee. Disguise seems to be a very awkward customer to handle; at Kempton he wanted to come into Tattersall's Ring, and the American jockey, Henry, was able to do very little towards making him alter his plans.

One Went Towards Newmarket

with a certain amount of trepidation, for the heat promised to be very trying. Early on Tuesday, it was quite as much as might be endured without inconvenience, and frequenters of the Heath know well enough what being planted on the July course between the Ditch and the belt of trees means. There was nothing in the programme leading one to expect anything particularly important in the way of sport, but promise of pleasant enough amusement. So far, next to nothing has been done on the Liverpool Cup, tips for which I must hold over till my next. A disposition to back Volodyovski for the St. Leger is being shown, and £1100 to £1000 would have been laid on him on Monday last.

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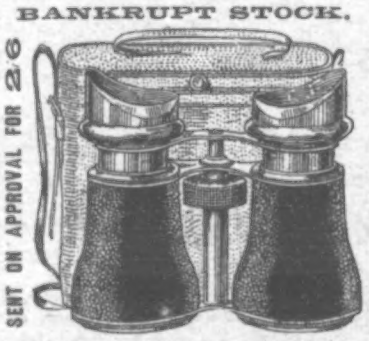
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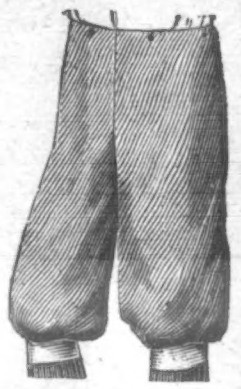

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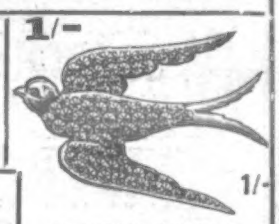

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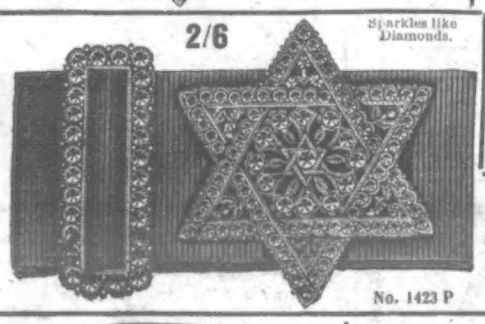

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